in railways and the extent to which the success achieved under these schemes;

(b) the number of handicapped persons provided employment on priority basis during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(c) the names of the departments of the railways where handicapped persons have been appointed during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) In the matter of provision of jobs to Physically Handicapped persons, Ministry of Railways follow the instructions of the Department of Personnel & Training, which is the nodal Department, for this purpose, which provide for reservation of 3% direct recruitment vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' to Physically Handicapped persons (1% each for Visually handicapped, hearing impaired and Orthopaedically handicapped persons) with the appointments being given against the posts identified as suitable for them. As a result of implementation of these instructions, a large number of handicapped persons have already found employment in the Railways. The information on the number of handicapped persons who got employment on the Railways during the years 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 and the Departments to which they have been appointed during these years is being collected from the Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Noise Pollution

290. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a technique has been developed by Central Road Research Institute, Delhi for reducing noise pollution on Indian roads; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No technique has been developed as yet by Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) for reducing noise pollution on Indian Roads.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations in Orissa

291. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA :
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of assistance provided to the voluntary organisations of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh through Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology during 1996-97, 1997-98 so far, with location of such organisations;

(b) the details of complaints received so far against these organisations; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) District-wise details of the number of projects sanctioned and the amount sanctioned by CAPART to voluntary organisations in Orissa and Madhya Pradesh during the year 1996-97 & 1997-98 so far are given in Statement I and II.

(b) CAPART has reported that for various acts of omission and commission it has blacklisted 4 voluntary organisations of Orissa and 7 voluntary organisations of Madhya Pradesh. Also, CAPART has imposed 'fund release restrictions' on 22 voluntary organisations of Orissa and 8 voluntary organisations of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) CAPART is at present investigating a complaint received against one voluntary organisation of Madhya Pradesh.

Statement-I

District-wise details of number of projects sanctioned and the amount sanctioned to voluntary organisations of Orissa by CAPART during the years 1996--97 and 1997-98 so far.

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	1996-97		1997-98	
		No. of Projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	No. of Projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Dhenakal	38	71.42	02	0.76
2.	Mayurbani	02	0.51	–	–